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FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CLAIMS OF US NATIONALS AGAINST EGYPT

REF: STATE 156816

1. APPRECIATE YOUR HELPFUL MESSAGE AND HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH ITS SUBSTANCE. I ENTIRELY AGREE THAT OUR POSTURE IN APPROACHING TALKS SHOULD BE TO OBTAIN SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF ALL LEGITIMATE CLAIMS. IN THAT CONTEXT, I SEE NO OBJECTION TO INDICATING THAT CLAIMANTS ARE SEEKING INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE IN SUCH CASES. HUANG HAD GIVEN ME A DIFFERENT IMPRESSION. INTEREST SURCHARGE IS, OF COURSE, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AFTER MOST CASES IN CLAIMS BOOK PREPARED BY L, COPY OF WHICH HUANG IS GIVING TO DEWIDAR. RE AFRICAN GLEN, POSITION SET FORTH PARA 6 REFTTEL IS REASONABLE. NO RPT NO OVERALL FIGURE OF CLAIMS WILL BE MENTIONED AT THIS TIME.

2. KORMANN AND HUANG WERE CALLED THIS MORNING BY DEWIDAR, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED, TO SUGGEST PRELIMINARY MEETING. THEY MET WITH HIM AND SEVERAL OTHER SEQUESTRATION OFFICIALS FOR A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF PROCEDURAL VIEWS. SUMMARY BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL FOR REGULAR DISTRIBUTION. THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING IS
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SCHEDULED TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, JULY 5.

3. IT IS PERHAPS UNFORTUNATE TALKS BEGINNING NOW,
BUT THERE IS NEVER ANY REALLY GOOD TIME. POSTURALLY
THE SOONER JOINT COMMITTEE BEGINS ITS WORK, THE BETTER.
I HAD ALWAYS INTENDED PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS
TO DEGREE NECESSARY AND PLAN TO BE AT FIRST SUBSTANTIVE
SESSION IN ORDER SET TONE FOR TALKS.
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